



What does it take to make a relationship work in today's world where marriage is just a piece of legal contract and marriage vows are meant to be broken. Sad but true in a world where materialism and power seems to have overtaken the fundamentals of human relationship where love and honesty used to prevail. In keeping up with urbanisation and modernisation have we lost a piece of ourselves? Our principles and dignity as human beings? Why is it so hard to keep a relationship alive be it in a marriage or a courtship?

Like any other person we all want to love and be loved. I still remember how it felt like when I first fell in love, I felt light headed, my feet felt like it had wings to fly, my heartbeat seemed to beat to its own love song. Everything seemed perfect, no matter what the flaw may be at that time, no matter what problems there were at that moment nothing seemed impossible to overcome as long as the euphoria of that feeling lasted. But how long does that feeling last? Weeks, months, years? How long before reality sets in and we start seeing the flaws in our partner, the problems that were there which we had turned a blind eye to. This is the time when people say things like "She/He was not like this when we first met/married". How many times have we heard that? Plenty, no? Well that's the truth. Seldom do we take the time and effort in getting to know each other and iron out major differences before plunging into a life long commitment like a marriage. So it is no wonder that the divorce rates keep going up every year.



It takes a special kind of love to keep a relationship/marriage alive. How many of us have it in us to make the effort in keeping a relationship/marriage alive. How many of us are willing to listen to each other, to listen not only with our minds but our hearts. How many of us are willing to admit our mistakes, weaknesses and bare our soul to our partners. So many times we find ourselves doing just the opposite because we think that by baring oursevles to another it's a sign of being weak. How very wrong we are, it takes a very strong and confident person to be able to do that. Each of us have it in us if we don't let our ego and pride get in the way. Most of the time we tend to do things our own way without giving care nor consideration to our partners and his/her feelings. Do we really know what the meaning of true love is? True love is never selfish, it endures, it's not judgmental, it's kind.....it's everything that we want and yet how many of us have it in us to be able to give back the same.